



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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Dear Interested Citizen:


Enclosed you will find for your review the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposal to acquire a conservation easement on 1,957 acres (to be known as the Sturgeon and King Mountain CE) and acquire fee title to 3,594 acres to form a Wildlife Management Area (to be called Douglas Creek WMA), north of Drummond in Powell County. The purpose of this proposal is to secure critical fish and wildlife habitat and to maintain compatible recreational opportunities and access for the public.

A draft environmental assessment (EA), management plans, and socio-economic assessment have been prepared for this proposal. These EA documents may be viewed on FWP's Internet website <http://fwp.mt.gov> ("Submit Public Comments," beginning September 15). The EA may also be obtained by mail from Region 2 FWP, 3201 Spurgin Rd., Missoula 59804; by phoning 406-542-5540; or by emailing shrose@mt.gov. Comments may also be directed to Sharon Rose by mail, phone or email at these contacts. Comments must be received by FWP no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 14, 2011.

FWP will hold a public hearing in Drummond on October 4 (Tuesday) at 7:00 p.m. at the Drummond Community Center to discuss the proposal and take public comment.

As part of the decision making process under MEPA, I expect to issue the Decision Notice for this EA very soon after the end of the comment period. The Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission has the final decision-making authority for FWP land acquisition proposals, and the Commission will be asked to render its decision on this proposal at its November 10th meeting in Helena. Approval will also be necessary from the Montana Board of Land Commissioners.

Sincerely,


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